Fresh trials for women relay runners

1841. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for a fresh trial for selecting 4x400 mts. women relay runners; and

(b) whether the Seoul Olympics incident involving the women relay runners is responsible for the decision of two top athletes not to participate in future competitions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Fresh trial for selecting 4x400 mts. women relay runners was held to identify the 4 best athletes based on the current form.

(b) The Amateur Athletic Federation of India has informed that the incident at Seoul Olympics has nothing to do with the decision of the two top athletes not to participate in future competitions.

Mismanagement of Seoul Olympics

1842. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision by two ace athletes of the country not to participate in any sports future competition this year, has anything to do with mismanagement of Seoul Olympics by the Amateur Athletic Federation of India; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Government has seen the press reports about the reported decision of two members of the women's relay team (which participated in the Seoul Olympics) not to participate in any future competition. It is learnt that the Amateur Athletic Federation of India had issued show cause notices to the two athletes for having walked out from selection trials in Seoul. AAFI have informed us that they had, in fact, invited these two athletes to attend the first coaching camp this year but they did not report to the camp nor gave any reason thereof. They did not participate in the Senior Inter-State Meet held at Guntur either.

Findings of the enquiry into the crash of a helicopter at Sanjhi Chhat

1843. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enquiry into the helicopter crash at Sanjhi Chhat on the 14th July, 1988 has been completed;

(b) if so, what are the findings and recommendations of the enquiry; and

(c) whether any compensation has been given to the legal heirs of the persons killed; if yes, the amount paid in each case including the crew and other staff died in the crash?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report is under examination of the Government.

(c) The compensation has been paid as under:

Crew:

(1) *Air Cmde. H. S. Mangat*: Rs. 3 lacs.

(2) *Wg. Cdr. Gauri*: He was on deputation to Pawan Hans and compensation has been paid by his parent organisation. An Ex-gratia compensation of Rs. 1 lac has been paid by Pawan Hans.